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EDUCATION

The School of The Art Institute of Chicago
M.F.A Candidate interdisciplinary studies

Savannah College of Art and Design
B.F.A in Fashion Design & Art 2012

CURATORIAL PROJECTS (select)

Biofeedback, Compound Yellow, Oak Park, IL (May 6- June 3-2023)

Sex Ecologies: Becoming Plastic, Stove Works gallery, Chattanooga, TN (May 26th 2023)

Toolbox by Sspatz collective, co-curated with Laura Shaeffer, Compound Yellow, Oak Park, IL (February 28-March 25-2023)

Apothecary, co-curated with Collective, Accepted into the Tennessee Triennial, Wavelength Space gallery, Chattanooga, TN (February 11-28-2023)

Poetics of Materiality, Wavelength Space gallery, Chattanooga, TN (October 1-30-2022)

Tiny Things, co-curated, Wavelength Space gallery, Chattanooga, TN (December-January annually 2020-2023)

Femme Vitale, Chattanooga, TN (October 9- November 7-2021)

LIT art gallery curator of monthly exhibitions,, Chattanooga, TN (from 2017-2018)

Art Haus Collective Pop-up Show, group curated, Atlanta, GA, (2016)

Graduate Fashion Show, curator/co-director, Atlanta, GA (2011)

ART RESIDENCIES

Ox-Bow Residency, Saugatuck, MI (June 2023, August 3 -Sep-2022)

An Artist Residency in Motherhood (ARIM), Melbourne, FL (June 18 -July 18-2019)

Kriti Art Residency, Varanasi, India (July - September-2017)

Art Rise awarded Fall Fellow, Non Fiction Gallery, Savannah, GA (September - October 2016)

Arquetopia Residency, Oaxaca, Mexico (July - August 2016)

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

Under The Mango Tree, Art Haus gallery, Atlanta, GA (December 17-January 17-2017)

Bloom, Kriti Contemporary gallery, Varanasi, India(July 17-20-2017)

Triumph & Struggle, Art Haus gallery, Atlanta, GA (January 13-31-2017)

Collective Body: Triumph & Struggle, Non-Fiction gallery, Savannah, GA (October 28-31-2016)

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (select)

SAIC Graduate Exhibition, SITE Gallery, Chicago, IL (2024)

Garden of Earthly Delights, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL (2024)

Hunter Under Ground/Spectrum, Annual Fundraiser, Hunter Museum of American Art, Chattanooga, TN (March 25-2023 selected artist 2022, 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017)

Tiny Things, Wavelength Space gallery, Chattanooga, TN (November 19- January-2023)

Annual All Member Salon Show, AVA gallery, Chattanooga, TN (November 30- December 23-2022 selected artist 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017)

Something Left To Say, Wick Monet gallery, Pittsburgh, PA (July 22-June 22-2022) in partnership with the *Abortion Defence and Women's Law Project* in PA, a public interest and legal center devoted to defending and expanding the rights of women, girls, and LGBTQ+ individuals.

Annual AVA Juried Member Exhibition, AVA gallery, Chattanooga, TN (July 1-August 12-2022 selected artist 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016)

A Woman Is A Riot, an art exhibition celebrating bodily autonomy & human rights for the 49th anniversary of roe vs wade, and fundraiser for Planned Parenthood Tennessee & North Mississippi, Wavelength space gallery, Chattanooga, TN (February 19-2022

Femme Vitale, Wavelength Space gallery, Chattanooga, TN (october 9- November 7-2021)

United in Art, Art-Haus gallery, Atlanta, GA (March 26-2021)

Red, Art-Haus gallery, Atlanta, GA (February 12-2021)

Opening: A Celebration, Art & Soul Collective, Atlanta, GA (August 20-2016)

Dank Memes: Stories of Cultural Viruses, Non-Fiction gallery, Savannah, GA (July 22- August 2-2016)

Showcase organized by artists, Arquetopia Residency, Oaxaca, Mexico (2016)

ARTIST TALKS + WORKSHOPS (select)

Performance, *Art-A-Nooga*, Dry Ice gallery & Stove Works gallery, Chattanooga, TN (January 20-2023)

Artist Workshop in collaboration with Anna. L. Georgie Ph.D. Vice President of Conservation Science and Education Tennessee Aquarium, Chattanooga, TN (March 30 -2023)

Artist Workshop + Dialogue with iSustian Inc on advanced recycling, circular energy, and technologies and research on microplastics, Virtual (March 16-2023)

Curatorial Talk + Q&A representative for Compound Yellow art residency and gallery for *Career and Professional Experience* Event hosted by SAIC (March 1-2023)

Meet & Greet Artist Talk for *Sex Ecologies: Becoming Plastic* exhibition, Chattanooga, TN & Virtual (February 16-2023)

Artist Talk, *Art-A-Nooga*, Dry Ice gallery, Chattanooga, TN (January 20-2023)

Talk + Instructor, *Artful Yoga* is an ongoing series connecting art from the Hunter Museum with yoga taught by local and visiting instructors, Hunter Museum of American Art, Chattanooga, TN (December 11-2022)

Curatorial Talk + Q&A in partnership with the University of Tennessee Chattanooga, Chattanooga, TN (October 13-2022)

Artist Talk + Presentation in Wu Tsang Colloquium, *Visiting Artist Series*, School of The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL (July 15-2022)

Workshop + Artist Talk, *Reimagining* vulva sculpture making and dialogue, Wavelength Space gallery, Chattanooga, TN, (October 17-2021)

Women's Workshop + Dialogue, free & open to all women, LIT art gallery, Chattanooga, TN (January 21-2018)

Poetry Workshop, free bi-weekly poetry workshop co-hosted with Poet & Creative Strategist Erika Roberts, LIT art gallery, Chattanooga, TN (2017-2018)

Workshop + Artist Talk , free & open to all women, Non-Fiction gallery, Savannah, GA (October 29-2016)

Workshop + Art Classes , in partnership with The City of Atlanta Office of Recreation, Atlanta, GA (2015-2016)

Art Workshop, International Volunteer Headquarters, Lima, Peru (2015)

RELATED EXPERIENCE (select)

Collaboration with artist Ali Waller co-creating healing traumas through art, Brooklyn, NY (forthcoming 2023-24)

Collaboration with Anna. L. Georgie Ph.D. Vice President of Conservation Science and Education Tennessee Aquarium, Chattanooga, TN (2023)

Mentor Program with performance + installation artist Julie Tolentino, Santa Clarita, CA, Chicago, IL & virtual (2022-current)

Collaboration with business development & conservationist, Mark Hubert from iSustian, analyzing + dialogue on recycling technologies, research & solutions, Soddy Daisy, TN (2023-ongoing)

Collaboration with Artist & Community Educator Andrea Zoppo (Ladybug) & Playful Evolving Monsters, Atlanta, GA, Chattanooga, TN (2023-forthcoming 2024)

Curator at Wavelength Space, a contemporary artist-run gallery, Chattanooga, TN (2020-2023)

Co-curator, at Compound Yellow, a contemporary artist-run residency & gallery, Oak Park, IL (2022-Current)

Collaboration with Poet Erika Roberts, developing & implementing free community poetry workshops, events, and support, Chattanooga, TN (2017-2018)

Curator + Co-founder, Social Media Manager and Website Designer, LIT art gallery, Chattanooga, TN (2017-2018)

ARTIST POSITIONS + FREELANCE

Live Fashion Sketch Artist, (select clients) Hunter Museum of American Art, Talbots, Shops of Buckhead, private events, weddings, fundraisers)

Designer of Lesson plans + Instructor, *StartArts* virtual art, Omaha, NE (2020-2021)

Art Teacher + Curriculum co-creating with the Diocese of Knoxville, OLPH Catholic School, Chattanooga, TN (2018-2020)

Adult Art Instructor, LIT art gallery, Chattanooga, TN (2017-2018)

Substitute Art Teacher, *Hamilton County Schools*, Chattanooga, TN (2017-2018)

Founder of *Meraki* after school art lessons, Atlanta, GA (2015-2018)

After School Art Instructor, *Color-Wheel Studio*, Decatur, GA (2015)

Gallery Consultant & Art Instructor, *Blue Ridge Gallery & Association*, Blue Ridge, GA (2006-2007)

Designer + Color & Trend Forecaster, *Carter's inc*, Atlanta, GA (2012-2015)

Color & Trend Forecasting Intern, Liz Clarborne, (2011)

VOLUNTEER + PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS (select)

Volunteer + Event planning Committee Member, Sculpture Fields, Chattanooga, TN (September 20-current)

Artist Member, Women Eco Artists Dialog, Oakland, CA (2023-Current)
Staff, *If These Walls Could Talk, Pop-Up Project*, Chattanooga, TN (November 2022)
Artist Member, *Community Arts Network*, selected artist, Vienna, Austria (2020-current)
Volunteer, *Stove Works* residency & gallery, Chattanooga, TN (2021-current)
Poet Member, *All Voices Heard*, Wanderliger Poetry Collective (2020-current)
Member, *Association of Visual Arts*, Chattanooga, TN, (2016-current)
Member, *Hunter Museum of American Art*, Chattanooga, TN (2017-current)
Volunteer + Youth Volunteer Guardian, *Educational Humane Society*, Chattanooga, TN (2020-current)
Member + Advocate, *Nightingale Network Women's Advocacy* program, Regional, Tennessee (2017-2018)
Volunteer + Docent, *Modern Contemporary Museum*, Atlanta, GA (2016-2017)
Volunteer, *Rivers Alive*, Regional, GA (2007-2009)
Service Member, *Americorp*, Blue Ridge, GA (2006-2007)

GALLERY REPRESENTATION

Art-Haus gallery Atlanta, GA
AVA gallery, Chattanooga, TN
SITE gallery, Chicago, IL

COMMISSIONS & COLLECTIONS (request)

*My private commissions are often done after intimate sharing of personal traumas, pains, or other personal stories & truths, these remain confidential, only with consent will be shared.

PUBLICATION + MEDIA (select)

Poetry Publication, *Uncoiled Magazine* Issue 4 *Change*. (2023)
Poetry Publication, *All Voices Heard*, published by collective. (November 2022)
Featured in *Art View*, Hunter Museum of American Art, read here. (Summer 2022)
Artist highlight, *Community Arts Network*, find more here. (May 2022)
Gallery feature & interview with director Raque Mullins, Burnaway, read here. (June 2022)
Featured segment, *WRCB Channel 3 News*, on women's community workshop. (January 2018)
Curatorial feature, *The Pulse*, read here. (October 2017 & in 2018)
Artist feature for solo exhibition, *Creative Loafing*, read here. (December 2017)
Artist feature, *Savannah Now Savannah Morning News*, read here. (October 2016)
Artist feature, *Savannah & Art Rise Savannah*, read here. (October 2016)

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION + TRAINING (select)

200 hour Yoga Teaching License, Yoga Alliance Certified (January 2022- December 2023)
Women's Circle: Healing & Somatics, Led by Massiel Ocampo, Art & Soul Yoga, GA/TN (2021)
Visual Arts K-12 License, University of Tennessee Chattanooga (3 year term for 2017, 2018, 2019)
Back-strap Textile Weaving & Iconography workshop, Arquetopia (2016)
Leadership & Management Training, Carter's University (2015)
Brand Marketing & Business Strategies Training, Carter's University (2015)
Textile & Fiber Engineering Workshop, Cotton Inc. (2013)

